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Reluctantly some hoardings have been removed, but their metal frames dot the skyline at several places in city. When will they be removed?

SKELETONS IN THE SKY

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Despite a ban on illegal hoardings, flexes, and banners, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities and the village panchayat officers around Bengaluru are yet to take measures to remove them. The existence of some of the metal frames of hoardings is a classic example of the authorities' apathy.

The recent Mumbai incident that claimed 16 lives and injured many people has once again put the focus on illegal to caution the BBMP authorities on the illegal hoardings and metal frames of hoardings that pose a danger to people in the city. Activists have demanded that the BBMP official begin an effort to remove all illegal hoardings without any delay.

"I wrote a letter to the Chief Minister

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> A survey was conducted to identify the illegal hoardings and metal frames and the survey report was submitted to the High Court but the BBMP failed to take measures to remove them
> — GR Mohan, advocate

Dengue attack

Mahadevapura records maximum number of dengue cases in city that is seeing 13 cases a day

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Green court initiates suo moto case over incidents of fishkill

National Green Tribunal notes violations of Acts, impeaches agencies concerned

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The principal bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken a suo moto case on the appalling state of Bengaluru's lakes yet again. The tribunal exercised its jurisdiction based on an article published in Bangalore Mirror on March 13.

The report highlighted an analysis of fishkill incidents in Bengaluru's lakes conducted by a city-based NGO. Based on the report, NGT has noted violations of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Solid Waste Management Guidelines, 2016, and provisions of the Environment Protection Act, 1986. "The news item raises substantial issues relating to compliance with the environmental norms and implementation of the provisions of scheduled enactment," said the green court, and impeached various state and central government agencies such as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Department of Fisheries of Animal Husbandry Department, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), and Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Bengaluru.

Notices have been issued to these agencies and the case has been transferred to the southern bench of the tribunal. The article published in BM highlighted that between 2017 and 2023, the city witnessed 61 fishkill incidents across multiple lakes. The detailed analysis of these incidents conducted by ActionAid Association, a city-based NGO, also showed that four lakes, namely Bhattarahalli, Munnekolala, Chelekere, and Iblur, with multiple fishkills in the given period, have exclusive Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs). The highest number of fishkills (6) was recorded at Kothanur lake, followed by five episodes at Haralur and three at Madiwala, Bhattarahalli, and Kundalahalli lakes.

Moreover, in 2023 alone, 20 episodes of fishkills were observed in 15 water bodies, with multiple incidents reported from Kothanur, Kundalahalli, and Bhattarahalli lakes. Three of the 15 lakes (Kothanur, Bhattarahalli, and Iblur) also had a history of fishkill in 2022. The study also underlined that the number of these incidents is only increasing year after year.

Experts say the water quality in the lakes of Bengaluru is a matter of deep concern. According to Raghavendra B Pachhapur of ActionAid Association, KSPCB's water quality analysis of the city's lakes points to the trend of an increasing number of water bodies falling under the Class-E category (as per CPCB's specification, water from these water bodies can only be used for industrial cooling and irrigation).

"Apart from more and more lakes recording the worst water quality possible, lakes under the Class-D category with high faecal coliform content and biochemical oxygen demand are also going up. It is high time for a statutory body like the KSPCB to act swiftly and arrest pollution at lakes. I hope NGT's cognizance of the matter will result in policy reforms and the implementation of tools to stop pollution in lakes," said Pachhapur.

City lakes turn death wish for fish

BM's report on March 13 discussed the findings of the survey reporting fishkill incidents in Bengaluru's lakes

File photo of a fishkill episode at Haralur Lake

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> – Raghavendra B Pachhapur, ActionAid Association

'Conduct counselling, encourage SSLC repeaters to write exams'

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Concerned with the absence of thousands of students writing Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examinations either out of fear or other reasons, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) wants the education department to organise counselling for the benefit of SSLC repeaters.

"Around 8,500 SSLC students did not write the examination across the state due to fear of failing or for other reasons. It is quite disturbing. According to the Right to Education (RTE) Act, each child should have an education up to SSLC. It is a must for the students to pass the SSLC examination for a better future," said KSCPCR chairman Naganna Gowda. The KSCPCR chairman has said that he wrote a letter to the education department to make arrangements for conducting counselling for the SSLC repeaters. "I want no SSLC student to skip writing examinations. I hope the education department will organise counselling for the SSLC repeaters. The counsellors and school teachers should convince those students who skip this exam to prepare to write the SSLC examinations to be held in a few months," he said. Describing the initiative as the need of the hour, Child Rights Trust director Nagasimha G Rao demanded the education department to conduct counselling on a regular basis to motivate and encourage students who hesitate to write SSLC examinations. "The counsellors have to tell the students that the writing examinations are just one part of life, and failing in examinations is not a crime or the end of the world as there are opportunities to attempt them again," he said.

He further demanded the education department to recruit or train more counsellors for the benefit of students who are poor in academics. "There should be trained teachers in counselling at all high schools to motivate students," added Rao.

Appreciating the KSCPCR chairman for writing a letter to the education department, Child Welfare Committee member Lakshmi Prasanna HK said that society would always appreciate students who score higher marks but do nothing to encourage or support those students who failed or could not write the SSLC examinations. "There will be some reasons for students dropping out of SSLC examinations. It may be a fear of failing the examinations or a shortage of attendance. The SSLC Board has announced allowing students who could not write the SSLC examinations due to a shortage of attendance to attempt them again. It is a good initiative, and I welcome it," she added.

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BBMP takes single-use plastic bull by its horns

Palike's launches ambitious 15-day campaign as environmentalists urge more comprehensive solutions

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities have been organising awareness programmes on the segregation of waste and the ill effects of single-use plastic. Despite a ban on single-use plastic, petty shops and people continue using single-use plastic which is affecting the environment and also choking drains during the monsoon.

Now, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has decided to organise programmes for 15 days beginning from May 15 to create awareness among the public and street vendors on the ill effects of single-use plastic.

The guidelines include preparation of an action plan for the awareness programmes for 15 days and involving media, police and other stakeholders in the awareness programmes. Apart from appointing Zonal Commissioners as Nodal Officers to implement the ban on single-use plastic, the authorities have to take measures to install name boards in public places with a message on the ban on single-use plastic.

"The authorities have to inform the public about the alternative options to single-use plastic. They have to take measures to dispose of seized single-use plastic as per the norms. I want the public to avoid using single-use plastic. If the public avoids single-use plastic by using alternative options, the menace of single-use plastic can be eliminated," said the BSWML Chief Executive Officer Harish Kumar.

Meanwhile, the BSWML's initiative of organising awareness programmes has received a mixed response from social activists and environmentalists. "Though we have organised many programmes in association with the BBMP, the usage of single-use plastic continues. The public should avoid depending on single-use plastic while buying vegetables in the market. I will give my suggestions during the meeting with the BBMP authorities," said Shwetha Urs of Women of Wisdom (WoW).

> **"Closing of manufacturing units is critical, which is also mentioned in the BBMP circular listing measures** – Odette Katrak, co-founder, Beautiful Bharat

"We, in association with the BBMP, have been organising programmes to sensitise the public and shop owners on plastic. The BBMP authorities are cooperating with our volunteers," said Ayesha, Project Coordinator of Samarthanam Trust, who also received a letter from BBMP advising her to join the awareness programme.

Expressing concern over the choking of drains with plastic, Balaji Raghotham, an environmentalist from Seegehalli, said that he was shocked to see a huge quantity of single-use plastic accumulated at the wetland of Seegehalli Lake. "The residents and shop owners have to avoid using plastic for the benefit of the environment. Workers are struggling to remove the plastic from the wetlands of the lake. I appreciate the BBMP authorities' plan to organise programmes to create awareness among the public," said Raghotham.

Single-use plastic that reached the banks of Seegehalli Lake

Stating that most of the vendors who use single-use plastic are vegetable, and flower vendors and people operating small eateries, Sowmya Raghavan, a volunteer of Solid Waste Management Round Table, said that targeting them alone without offering them alternatives will be unfair.

"To enforce the ban on single-use plastic, other vendors like takeaway sections of mid-sized hotels, catering establishments etc should also be looked at. Periodic but surprise checks should happen. Alternatives like cutlery banks, and cloth bags have been offered by eco groups. Awareness should be raised through posters and at various public places like parks, BangaloreOne centres etc.," said Raghavan.

"It is important to cut out the source - that means stopping cross-border transfer of banned materials so it is good that the circular includes police support. Likewise closing of manufacturing units is critical, which is also mentioned in the BBMP circular listing measures. I am asked this question all the time both by vendors and customers walking freely with banned items - why not stop the manufacturing units? Indeed that's the need of the hour in 2024," said Odette Katrak, co-founder, Beautiful Bharat.

She said that awareness of what is banned is sorely lacking and this needs attention. "We have items like silver plates, silver pouches, plastic-lined bowls, and non-woven polypropylene (NWPP) bags that may still be confused for cloth, showing up all the time. These are used at events by those who do not understand what items are banned, beyond just plastic carry bags or spoons. Seizing of existing stocks from wholesale vendors to ensure after the 15-day campaign, the source is not restarted," she said.

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D'Souza Road

BWSSB/BBMP worked on these manholes to stop a water leak a few days ago, and have left a mess. Several two-wheelers have already skidded, and a few have fallen and injured themselves. Please ensure that it is fixed as soon as possible.

Manhole menace

Shivajinagar

The BWSSB manhole in Shivajinagar, specifically located at Gupta Layout, is at risk of collapsing at any moment.

Citizens petition for crackdown on illegal borewell drilling

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Amidst an unprecedented drought and severe water crisis, the Citizens' Agenda of Bengaluru has launched an online petition on Change.org, calling for stringent measures to halt illegal borewell drilling and groundwater theft in the city. The petition underscores the alarming depletion of groundwater, with many borewells drying up or requiring drilling to depths of 2000 feet or more, often still yielding no water.

The petition highlights the rampant illegal drilling of borewells in areas such as Whitefield and Indiranagar, despite some interventions by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). Although BWSSB has managed to stop some illegal activities, the issue persists, with reports of continued illegal drilling surfacing across Bengaluru.

In response to the growing crisis, the BWSSB issued several orders in March to reinforce existing laws and ensure strict enforcement. This led to a temporary halt in borewell drilling for about a month. However, by late April, reports indicated that illegal drilling had resumed in various parts of the city, with enforcement remaining inconsistent. The petition by the Citizens' Agenda of Bengaluru points out instances of fraudulent permissions for borewell drilling. According to the petition, many plot owners, particularly those constructing commercial buildings, falsely claim their borewell applications are for domestic use. The BWSSB has been criticized for issuing these permissions without verifying the actual use of the premises.

To combat the misuse of groundwater and enhance enforcement, the Citizens' Agenda of Bengaluru has proposed a comprehensive six-point plan. This plan includes listing all borewell drilling permissions on the BWSSB and Karnataka Ground Water Authority (KGWA) websites for transparency. To ensure accountability, it calls for public display of these permissions at the respective plot, site, or building location. The plan also mandates the verification of building plan approvals before issuing borewell drilling permissions to confirm proper use. It restricts the issuance of such permissions for empty or under-construction plots. Additionally, it suggests establishing a dedicated helpline and rapid response team to swiftly address illegal borewell drilling activities and conduct raids on commercial buildings and under-construction sites suspected of illegal drilling.

Illegal borewells are dug in many parts of the city amid water crisis (file photo)

Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor of Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru, said, "The acute water crisis in Bengaluru was caused by the depletion of groundwater caused by over-exploitation of groundwater for illegal purposes, i.e., construction and commercial activities. There must be nearly 3-5 lakh illegal borewells throughout Bengaluru. The reason for the proliferation of illegal borewells is a lack of awareness of laws and lack of enforcement by the authority, i.e., the Karnataka Groundwater Authority, and the devolved authorities such as BWSSB & Police Department."

He added, "All over, we find commercial establishments and buildings have borewells, all construction sites use borewells for construction, and both of these are banned. Which is why prevention is far better than cure."

Tech corridor Mahadevapura has most cases of dengue

While cases surge in state, city seeing 13 cases in a day

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While Karnataka is experiencing a surge in dengue cases, Bengaluru is averaging 13 new cases daily. Between May 1 and 13, BBMP areas reported 172 dengue cases, with the highest numbers in Mahadevapura (44), followed by the East zone (41), South zone (34), Bommanahalli (23), West zone (16), RR Nagar (8), and Yelahanka (6).

Dasarahalli is the only BBMP zone that reported zero dengue cases in the first half of May. Karnataka reported 2,877 confirmed dengue cases during this period, compared to 1,725 cases last year. However, health officials attribute the increase to enhanced screening, reporting, and testing efforts, with 18,597 serum samples tested in 2023 and 26,476 in 2024.

Suralkar Vikas Kishore, Special Commissioner for Health, BBMP, stated, "Sufficient measures have been taken to control dengue fever in the city, which is experiencing heavy rainfall. Dengue fever is spreading rapidly due to stagnation of water in flower pots, broken tyres, and water tanks. Therefore, it is essential to take measures to prevent water stagnation. Four teams have been deployed in each ward to identify and destroy larvae breeding sites. Dengue fever is spread by Aedes mosquitoes, which breed in stagnant water. The Health Department has identified areas where larvae are breeding and is taking measures to destroy them."

Stagnant water is the biggest breeding ground for mosquitoes

He said that health officials, ASHA workers, and doctors are conducting door-to-door surveys to detect dengue fever cases. Pamphlets are being distributed to raise awareness among citizens. Additionally, a social media campaign has been launched to inform the public about dengue fever. Awareness processions (jathas) are being organised in each ward, and loudspeakers are being used to spread the message.

The World Health Organization (WHO), in its recent report, highlighted a 30-fold increase in the dengue epidemic risk over the past two decades in India and other parts of Southeast Asia. It also identified neglected factors, such as platelet-related infections, as contributors. Since the first isolation of the dengue virus in 1943, nearly four serotypes have been identified. According to the 'Southeast Asia Dialogue' released by the WHO, urbanization and international travel are key factors facilitating the spread of dengue, which now accounts for 16% of travel-related febrile illnesses.

"The epidemic risk has surged from 8 to 30-fold in recent decades, with dengue now contributing to 16% of travel-related febrile illnesses," the dialogue highlighted.

The document stresses the transmission of the virus to the eggs of female Aedes mosquitoes, resulting in mosquitoes born with the virus.

Commenting on the findings and emphasising on the urgency of vaccination, a medical expert said, "In India, every second person is now at risk of dengue with the kind of traveling we are doing and urbanisation. So, the only thing that will help is vaccination."

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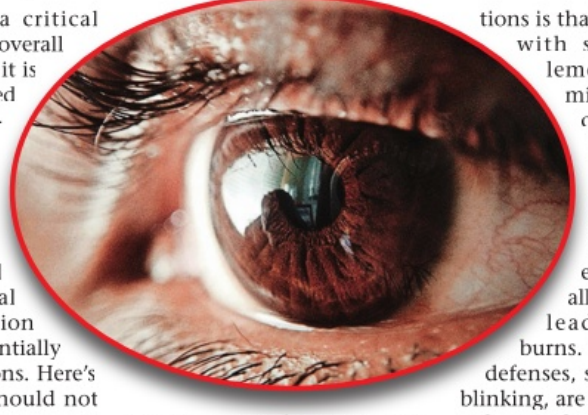
Don't go for home remedies for eye ailments



Eye health is a critical component of overall well-being, yet it is often overlooked until a problem arises. Ignoring eye ailments and relying on home remedies can have serious, long-term consequences. Professional eye care is essential for maintaining vision and preventing potentially debilitating conditions. Here's why eye ailments should not be ignored and why home remedies are not advisable.

An opthamologist said, "The human eye is a highly complex organ, and its health can be affected by a wide range of conditions. Common eye ailments include conjunctivitis (pink eye), glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy. Each of these conditions has unique causes, symptoms, and treatment protocols. Without proper diagnosis and treatment by a qualified eye care professional, these conditions can worsen, leading to significant vision loss or even blindness. Ignoring eye problems can lead to severe consequences. For instance, glaucoma, often called the "silent thief of sight," can progress without noticeable symptoms until significant vision loss occurs. Early detection through regular eye exams is crucial, as treatments can slow or prevent further damage. Similarly, diabetic retinopathy requires ongoing monitoring and management to prevent blindness."

Even seemingly minor issues like eye strain or dry eyes can indicate underlying problems that need professional attention. Persistent eye strain, for example, might signal the need for corrective lenses or adjustments in prescription, while dry eyes can be a symptom of a systemic condition or require specific treatments to prevent complications.

Medical experts say that Home remedies for eye ailments, while popular in folklore and online advice columns, can be dangerous. "Many home remedies lack scientific validation and can exacerbate the problem. For example, applying honey or herbal concoctions to the eyes can introduce bacteria, leading to infections. Similarly, using over-the-counter eye drops without a proper diagnosis can mask symptoms and delay necessary treatment. One of the most harmful misconceptions is that rinsing the eyes with substances like lemon juice, breast milk, or herbal teas can cure infections or improve eye health. These substances can irritate the sensitive tissues of the eye, cause severe allergic reactions, or lead to chemical burns. The eye's natural defenses, such as tears and blinking, are usually sufficient to keep it clean, and any persistent issue should be addressed by an eye care professional.Eye care professionals, including optometrists and ophthalmologists, are trained to diagnose and treat a wide range of eye conditions. They use specialized equipment and tests to assess eye health and determine the best course of action. Regular eye exams can detect issues early, even before symptoms appear, making treatment more effective",said a health expert citing an example that eye examination can reveal changes in the retina that indicate the early stages of diabetes or high blood pressure. Catching these signs early allows for timely intervention, not only preserving vision but also improving overall health outcomes. Eye care professionals can also provide personalized advice on maintaining eye health, such as proper nutrition, protective eyewear, and managing screen time.

Cut/uncut: Difference of opinion over tree's fate

Some residents at housing society cry foul as BBMP workers turn up to remove avenue tree; officials say another set recommended removal of 'unsafe' tree

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A group of residents from a housing society in Domlur are at loggerheads with the Forest Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

This is when the department attempted to cut an avenue tree in the area on Saturday, after receiving a request from another resident. The complaint raised by the resident stated that the tree, if not removed, can be dangerous to life and property.

A team from the department was on ground to remove the tree when residents from the housing society objected and filed a police complaint. Residents say the tree is healthy and all its branches are intact.

"BBMP officials have been adamant about cutting the tree. They first came on Saturday and cut many branches on the roadside. When residents of our apartment complex gathered and demanded the copy of an order from the district conservator of forests (DCF), they left. However, they returned on Monday to uproot the tree. We had to call Hoysala police to stop them from cutting the tree. However, they fled the scene before police arrived," said a resident of the apartment complex in Domlur.

This is the second case in less than a month when Bengalureans have accused BBMP of axing healthy avenue trees. The first case was a couple of weeks back when residents of the Hosakerehalli area had alleged that the BBMP workers had uprooted a healthy avenue tree without a site inspection and consulting the locals.

Multiple branches of the avenue tree axed on Saturday in Domlur

When BM reached out to a senior official from BBMP's Forest Department, they said, "A few days ago a huge tree fell off in the same lane and some people reached out to us asking to remove this tree as well. On Saturday, we just trimmed some branches. However, some of the residents in the area want the entire tree to be cut as it is dangerous. The tree trunk also appears to be infested. Although we also do not want to remove it, this group of residents is adamant about axing it. There is a transformer next to the tree and if it falls on it, it can cause a lot of damage."

> **"We just trimmed some branches. However, some of the residents in the area want the entire tree to be cut**
>
> – BBMP Forest Department officials

However, residents of the area allege that the step to remove this healthy, 40-year-old elephant-ear tree has been taken by BBMP under pressure due to political clout."One of the residents wants to cut the tree citing various reasons and is putting pressure on BBMP through political connections. There is one more avenue tree in the lane that they want to remove. They say these trees are on stormwater drains and obstructing the flow of water. There is no awareness about the importance of green cover despite Bengaluru facing its worst summer recently. The city is losing its green cover dramatically for various infrastructure projects. Healthy trees should not be cut citing baseless reasons," said another resident of the apartment complex.

Never-ending road circus: Newly laid roads dug up for pipeline work

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The new white-topped road laid in the Padmanabhanagar Assembly Constituency a few months ago, which had been asphalted eight months prior, was dug up, prompting residents to raise questions about the waste of taxpayers' money.

According to Ramesh NR, former councillor of the Yediyur ward, the road was dug up to lay a GAIL (Gas Authority of India Limited) pipeline. Additionally, most of the roads, including Karanth Road and 14th Avenue in Shastri Nagar, have also been dug up after being asphalted. "The roads are constructed by spending Rs 15–18 crore, and in no time they are dug up again. According to the rules, once newly asphalted, the road should not be dug up for up to two years. However, it is tragic to see permission given to dig up roads that are newly laid.

As far as Padmanabhanagar Assembly Constituency is concerned, the 6.3-kilometre road from Kempegowda Medical College Hospital and Research Centre to Monotype and the 7.5 km road from Krishna Rao Park Junction to Sarakki Junction have been recently converted into white-topping at a cost of Rs 96 crore and Rs 108 crore, respectively. Once completed in no time, it has again been dug up. It is a huge financial loss to the civic body. The contractor carrying out the illegal work should be fined. I have even submitted a letter to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) chief commissioner and spoken to the officials about this issue," he said.

We are told that the road will be restored after the pipeline work is completed, but as per our previous observations, once dug up, the roads are not fixed up to the mark, said Ramesh. "The BBMP officials said that they would ensure that the work is completed quickly with 100 per cent quality. However, we don't want to see the repetition of newly laid roads being dug up. It is a complete waste of taxpayers' money."

Air squadron NCC inspected

Colonel MS Prakash, Group Commander NCC Group Bengaluru 'B', inspected 1 (Kar) Air Squadron National Cadet Corps (NCC) on May 14. The inspection commenced with a Guard of Honour by the senior division and senior wing cadets of the unit, followed by a demonstration of various training activities specific to Air Wing NCC, such as simulator flying, aeromodelling displays, and skeet shooting, a brief on salient aspects of the unit, and an interactive session with the ANOs and PI staff. He was also showcased the capabilities of Zen Air microlight through an air experience sortie flown by the Commanding Officer of the Unit, Wing Commander (Wg Cdr) PR Ponnappa.

The event culminated in a visit to St Joseph's University (SJU), where the group commander interacted with the Vice Chancellor, Rev Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ, and sought his cooperation in further solidifying the collaborative spirit between the institution and NCC. The VC assured full support for NCC activities, including an offer to utilise the new outreach campus of the university at Nelamangala to conduct NCC activities. The university has been the first to provide various incentives to cadets, which include additional credits and admission to PG courses, and has also sought additional vacancies in the Senior Division/Senior Wing. The ANO squadron leader, (Dr) Paul Newman, provided a detailed briefing on the NCC activities. This was followed by an inspection of the training facilities and the NCC office, and interaction with the cadets of SJU. Col Prakash lauded the cadets on their achievements, and motivated them to continue to maintain the time-tested traditions of the university and take up a career in the armed forces.

–BMB

Surgery that targets cancer

A 55-year-old woman with Stage IIA left breast cancer underwent surgery followed by intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT) using an IORT X-ray therapy machine. A boost dose of 10 Gy (gray) in five fractions was delivered to the lumpectomy cavity during surgery, ensuring targeted treatment. Similarly, a 49-year-old woman from rural Bengaluru with Stage IIA left breast cancer received breast-conserving surgery (BCS) with IORT boost radiation. Ramaiah Memorial Hospital has successfully conducted two breast conservation surgeries using IORT. IORT replaces multiple weeks of traditional post-surgery radiation therapy by delivering a single dose directly to the tumour site during surgery. This method minimises radiation exposure to surrounding healthy tissues and is particularly useful for cancers that are difficult to remove or when there is concern about residual cancer cells. "With cancer cases on the rise, we need advanced treatment to cure them," said Dr MR Jayaram, chairman, Gokula Education Foundation. MR Sreenivasa Murthy, chief executive, added, "I am hopeful that we will continue to make more breakthroughs in cancer care and ensure better patient outcomes." Dr SC Nagendra Swamy, president, emphasised, "This specialised expertise ensures precision treatment and the best clinical outcomes." Dr K Harish, director, said that it is important to ensure that no cancer cells remain in the tumour bed to avoid recurrence. Dr Madan Gaekwad, COO, and Dr Kirthi Koushik, HOD & senior consultant, praised the collaborative effort of the expert team of doctors and surgeons.

–Ankita Govind

Star meets star
The Grammy-winning pop star Ed Sheeran, who has appeared in the new episode of 'The Great Indian Kapil Show, shared his experience of meeting Shah Rukh Khan, calling him a 'warm human being'

MASK OFF

Rashmika has pleasant, chilled out interaction with paps

On Monday evening, Rashmika Mandanna was seen at Mumbai's Versova Jetty, where she drew attention from the gathered media. Despite the crowd, she calmly interacted with paps who eagerly awaited her arrival.

Amidst the chaos, Mandanna's calm demeanour and friendly attitude stood out, further cementing her status as a beloved celebrity.

The actress wore stylish high-waist balloon pants with a blue crop top and completed her look with a white jacket and matching sandals.

To keep a low profile, she also wore a mask. Upon her arrival at the spot, the photographers quickly surrounded the actress and requested her to remove her face mask for pictures, explaining that they had been waiting for her amidst the dust storm for two hours. Upon realising this, Mandanna took off her mask and was seen enjoying a lively interaction with the media. The paps named her the nation's crush and expressed their anticipation for her upcoming projects.

In response, the actress playfully asked which specific films they were eagerly awaiting. On the work front, Rashmika has six exciting films lined up. First is 'Girlfriend', a female-centric movie where she plays the role of a college student, it is releasing on May 30, 2024. Next, she will reunite with Allu Arjun for 'Pushpa 2: The Rule', hitting theaters on August 15 this year. In Bollywood, she'll appear opposite Vicky Kaushal in 'Chhava' and alongside Salman Khan in 'Sikandar'. Her other projects include 'Rainbow' with Dev Mohan and 'Kubera' with Dhanush.

—ETimes

Tweaked ink

Actor Saif Ali Khan, who will be seen making his Telugu debut with 'Devara', has modified his wife Kareena Kapoor Khan's tattoo on his forearm.

The actor was recently spotted at Mumbai airport when he caught the attention of the shutterbugs.

Saif had inked his wife's name on his left forearm in Hindi while they were dating. The new tattoo design seems to have covered up Kareena's name.

However, it's unclear if Saif modified the tattoo as per the demand of his character in a film or if it's a temporary modification.

Saif and Kareena tied the knot in 2012, and are parents to Taimur Ali Khan and Jehangir Ali Khan.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Saif will be seen essaying the role of a cop in 'Devara' which also stars Jr NTR and Janhvi Kapoor.

—IANS

SELFIE SPREE

Hollywood star Chris Hemsworth spent his time inside the Met Gala taking selfies with the other guests as he co-chaired the event during his first appearance.

"My wife and I... we live in Australia. So any sort of big awards show, we haven't become jaded because it's still new and exciting. And this in particular, eclectic group of people, different than the normal crowd of, you know, film award shows we've been doing... sports people, musicians, artists, so we had a really fun night...it's...heaps of selfies.

"Selfies everywhere. A lot of selfies on my phone. Like, 'When did I take that? Let's delete that one," he shared with E! News, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

The 'Thor' depicter was the co-chair for this year's edition of the annual charity event, where he was hand-picked by head organiser and Vogue editor Anna Wintour.

—IANS

ALIA STRIKES A POSE WITH DEMI MOORE

Actor Alia Bhatt marked a stylish appearance at the Gucci Cruise Show in London.

Several pictures of Alia from the event have been doing the rounds on social media in which the 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' star can be seen serving style goals in a strapless dress. She paired her sleek tied tresses with dewy glam that was elevated with a red lip look. Her images with international stars Demi Moore, Debbie Harry and Park Gyu-young from the event also went viral. In the images, Demi can be seen donning a grey and black outfit under a black coat.

Fans got excited to see Alia bonding with Demi and others at the Gucci event.

"Wow...proud to be her fan," a social media user wrote on X. "Alia is now a global artiste," another one commented.

Alia, the first Indian Global brand ambassador for Gucci, was present at Gucci's show in South Korea last year as well.

—ANI

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Jovial Ravichandran

V Ravichandran aka Crazy Star Ravichandran was in a jovial mood at the trailer launch of the film, Judgment, on Wednesday. As soon as he was called upon the stage, he became chatty.

"The director did not give me a song sequence or a heroine. The director approached me before the movie went to floors. He asked me to give a suitable title for this movie. I suggested – Guilt – but the director came to me after a few days stating that he selected – Judgment – as the title. Perhaps, the director wanted to select the title on his own," said Ravichandran, making the cast and crew of the movie erupt in laughter.

He said that the word "judgment" is the most important word people use in their life. "Everything depends on the decision we take or judgment we make in our lives. Regarding the success of this movie, the audiences' judgment will be final irrespective of its title," he said. Judgment is directed by Gururaj Kulkarni and it is scheduled for release on May 24.

No choreographers

Kannada movie Back Benchers, billed as college nostalgia, has many interesting aspects. The movie is helmed by BR Rajashekar who is known for the movies Barfi and Parole.

On some interesting things about the shooting, Rajashekar said the movie has seven songs but no choreographer. "We did not engage a choreographer. The actors themselves composed choreography as per the tune of the songs. We have already released four songs and they received a very good response from music lovers," said Rajashekar.

The director said that around 600 aspiring actors attended auditions for this movie and 40 of them, aged between 20 to 22 years, were selected. "They attended a workshop for 18 months. We gave the script to all of them with a rider – they should come up with dialogues (situational dialogues) on their own. We allowed them to act in the movie only after verifying their dialogues," the director said. He said the movie is a fun ride.

Metal frames of hoardings pose danger

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appealing to him to direct the BBMP and local bodies across the state to remove illegal hoardings. There are thousands of illegal hoardings. Some of the authorised hoardings are also not as per the norms. I request you to take measures to remove illegal hoardings in the interest of the public,'' said Right To Information Study Centre Managing Trustee S Amaresh.

GR Mohan, an advocate representing the petitioner who filed a writ petition in the High Court against illegal hoardings in the city, said the BBMP officials have violated the High Court order dated August 2, 2023. "A survey was conducted to identify the illegal hoardings and metal frames and the survey report was submitted to the High Court but the BBMP failed to take measures to remove them,'' said GR Mohan.

The recent installation of a hoarding at Yele Mallappa Shetty Lake has also invited criticism from lake activists. They suspect that officials have colluded with the advertisement mafia. "We have informed all the authorities including the local panchayat and minor irrigation department but

nothing has been done to remove the hoardings from the lake land. It may pose danger to the people who come to the lake for a walk as the soil is not strong enough to bear the weight of the hoarding,'' said Balaji Raghotham, a lake activist.

It may be noted that BH Anil Kumar, the BBMP Chief Commissioner of that time, directed the BBMP officials to remove metal frames of hoardings within 15 days. The direction was given in February, 2020, but the metal frames remain in the city even after four years. Bangalore Mirror published a story – Palike drives final nail into hoardings – on February 22, 2020, stating that the BBMP Chief Commissioner wrote a letter to the zonal commissioners on February 12, 2020, to remove the metal frames within 15 days. According to Anil Kumar, there were 1,806 metal frames across the city in February 2020.

Meanwhile, BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil said that instructions were given to the zonal commissioners to remove the metal frames of hoardings in their respective zones. "The metal frames will be removed,'' the Special Commissioner (Revenue) said.

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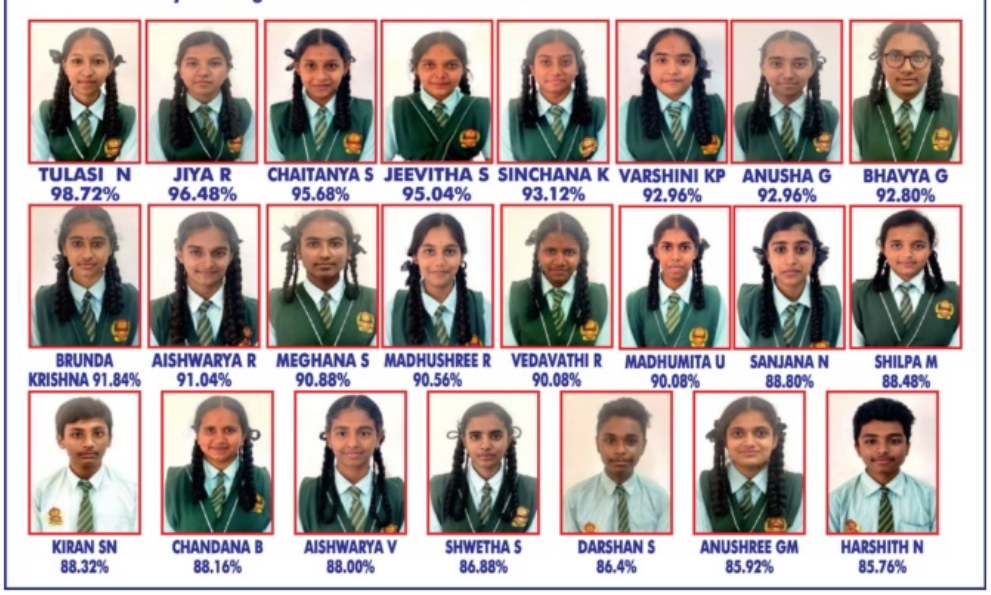

Mystery shrouds social activist's daughter's death

A 20-year-old college student, the daughter of a social activist, was discovered dead under suspicious circumstances at her home within the Subramanyapura police station jurisdiction.

Her body was discovered with her throat slit and cuts on her hands, leading the police to register a case of unnatural death. The incident, which occurred on Wednesday night, was discovered the following day.

Prabhudhya's mother, Sowmya, who is known for her social activism and efforts to rescue children, expressed disbelief over the possibility of her daughter ending her own life. She pointed out that Prabhudhya's mobile phone was missing and the back door of their house was open, which she believes raises suspicions. Sowmya highlighted that her daughter always kept the family informed about her whereabouts and had returned home from college as usual the previous day. She emphasised that she raised her daughter with values of self-respect, morality, and courage, making her sudden death incomprehensible.

The body was found in the bathroom and Prabhudhya was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital. DCP South S Lokesh Jagalsar noted that the body had injuries on the neck and hands, and mentioned that the police are awaiting the post-mortem report and are investigating the case from all possible angles. Further details about the incident are still emerging. —BMB

Gym trainer allegedly kills self after fight with wife

A 28-year-old gym trainer, Amit Kumar, was discovered dead following a domestic dispute in Dasarahalli, within the Bagalagunte police station jurisdiction, on Wednesday. Originally from Bihar, Amit had married a woman from Bengaluru a year ago, despite her parents' objections. His wife, who was enrolled in a nursing course, spent most of her time away from home, which often led to conflicts as Amit accused her of neglecting him, according to the police.

Following these disputes, his wife moved back to her parents' home. Amit would frequently call her, threatening to harm himself, as per police reports. On Wednesday, during a video call, Amit repeated his threat and abruptly ended the call. Alarmed, his wife hurried back to their home, and with neighbours' assistance, forced the door open to find him dead.

The police have registered an unnatural death report and moved his body for further examination. Amit's wife claimed that he habitually threatened self-harm after their arguments. Authorities are now examining his mobile phone to determine whether his death was accidental or intentional. —BMB

Stale food at stadium?

Cubbon Park Police has registered an FIR against the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) on the allegation of serving stale food during the Indian Premier League match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Delhi Capitals on May 12.

A case has been registered against the KSCA management board and the canteen manager based on a complaint filed by 23-year-old Chaitanya, who is said to have fallen ill after eating from the canteen at the stand. Chaitanya fainted while seated. He received first aid in an ambulance outside the stadium, with the assistance of stadium staff. After being admitted to a private hospital, the doctor checked Chaitanya and determined that he had food poisoning. —ANI

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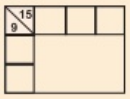
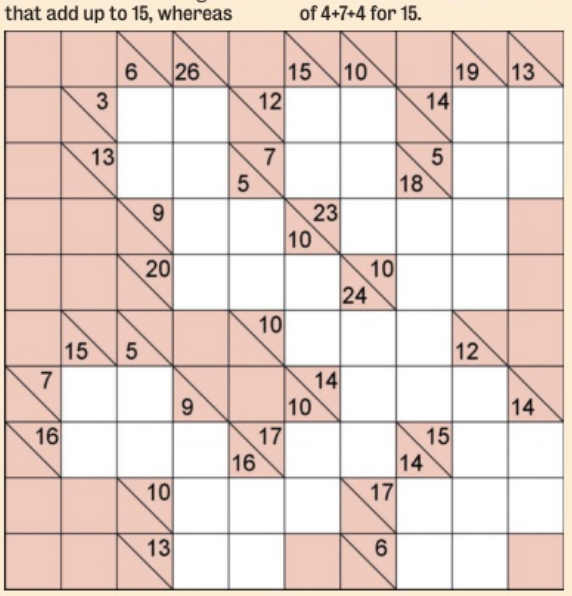
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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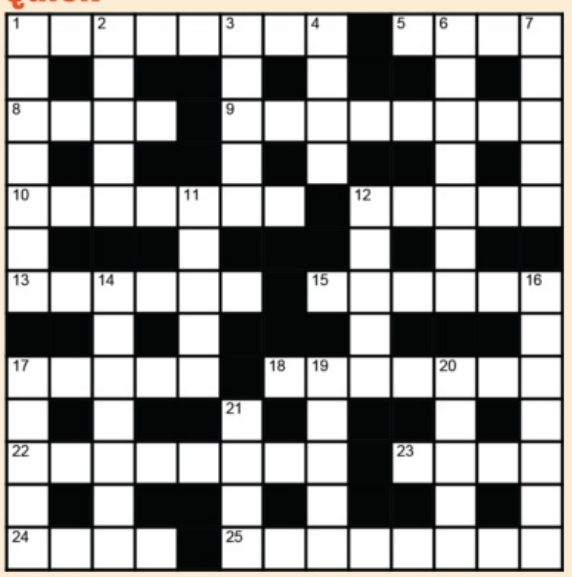

ACROSS

1 Impediments or hindrances (8)
5 Kilometres per hour, acronym (4)
8 Many millennia (4)
9 Small caps worn by ladies on fingertips while sewing (8)
10 Portal (7)
12 Extreme contempt (5)
13 Blunders, blotches or bungles (6)
15 An aromatic herb referred to in the Bible (6)
17 Concur (5)
18 Prospers, grows or blossoms (7)
22 Department store (8)
23 Vogue competitor (4)
24 Wild country (4)
25 Gossips (8)

DOWN

1 Width (7)
2 John, Paul, George and _____ (5)
3 Bit player (5)
4 Seagoing vessel (4)
6 Matures, softens with age (7)
7 Is wearing, in a way? (3,2)
11 At what place? (5)
12 More cunning (5)
14 Bows and _____ : is obsequiously polite? (7)
16 Harasses or annoys (7)
17 Bitter or sour (5)
19 Tourist destination which used to be the capital of the Vijayanagar Empire (5)
20 Famous Russian river (5)
21 Zn chemically speaking? (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS U

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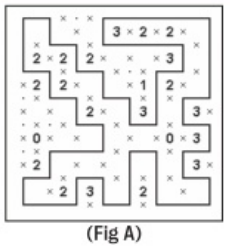
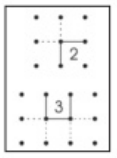
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

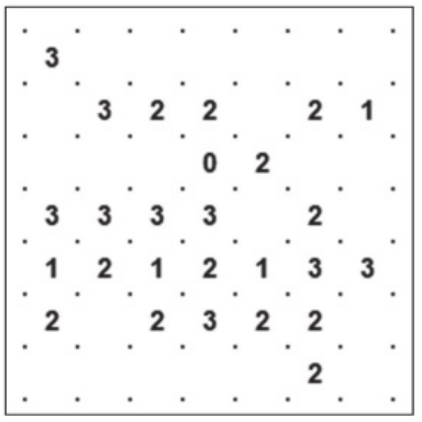


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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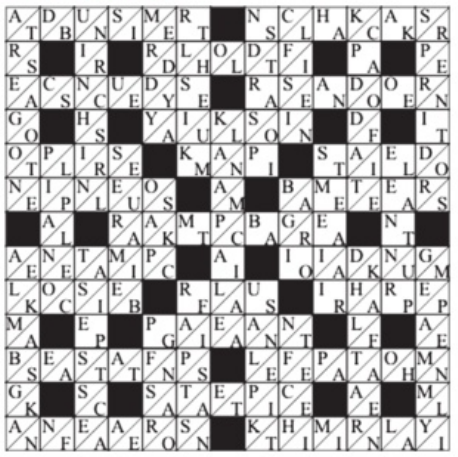
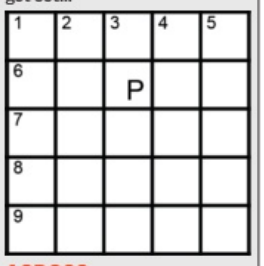


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Mt Ass; 6 Primo;
7 In rim; 8 Cig in;
9 I sect

DOWN

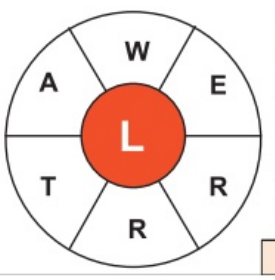
1 I'm Mic; 2 I mica;
3 Trips; 4 Inter;
5 G sons

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

5, 16, 49, ? , 445

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **11** Good; **13** Outstanding

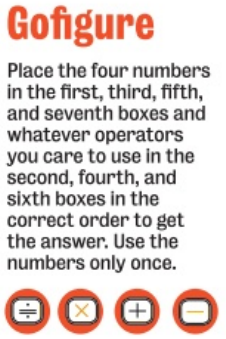
SudokuChallenge

		8			4			
	2		5	9				7
	1	7		6	2			
6		4					7	
	8	2				5	6	
	7					4		8
			9	4		6	3	
8				2	1		4	
			7			1		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 7
3 4 6 6

Medium = 2
1 4 4 7

Hard = 4
3 5 7 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

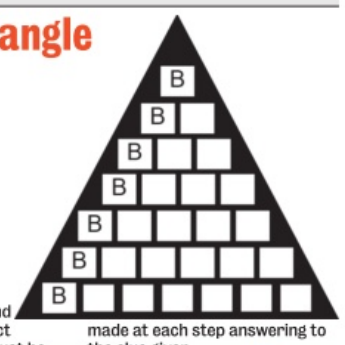
Differences: 1. Man is thinner. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Briefcase is larger. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Ear is smaller. 6. Hat is larger.

Riddler

What connects these four things?
Canine Freight Often Stone

Alpha triangle

1 Second letter
2 College degree
3 Naughty
4 Commanded
5 Scapula
6 Parish officer
7 Fastened a boat



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I DON'T KNOW A LOT OF THESE BANDS...
FLIP TO THE BACK. THOSE ARE MY MIXES.
HEY!!
yee haw tunes
The Heart mix
Addup mix
IS THIS ONE FOR ME?!
YEAH, HOW'D YOU GUESS?
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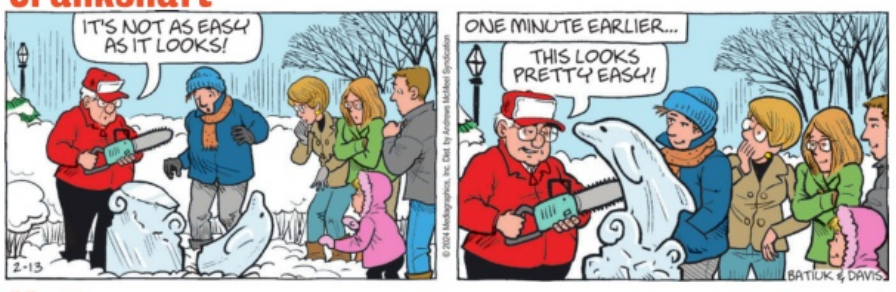
Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel unhappy. Some old health issues may arise, which may make you impatient. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless stuff. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics; otherwise, there might be some breakup.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are likely to enjoy your domestic and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in completing your work smoothly. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office. Natives who are in jobs may get promotions.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be busy on the work front. With the help of elders' blessings, you are likely to implement some new innovations in your work. You may be ethical and follow rules in your dealings with the people around you, which may give you inner peace and strength.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be satisfied with your responsibilities at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your inner peace and positivity. Your gurus may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dull. It is advised to keep your mind cool; it's a golden rule for you to think twice before any act. You may travel to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going on adventurous tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to succeed. You may also be attracted to the occult.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel good; family harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential people to get some benefits on the work front. You may perform well in your job, expecting some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property may likely settle down.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may find yourself in a state of self-analysis, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goals is now clear, leading to success in achieving them. Your creativity might improve, and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may be satisfied with your life, with opponents under control.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised not to expect too much from anyone around you, as it may lead to disappointment. Self-exploration and analysis may bring confidence after filtering yourself, preparing you to accept challenges.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel some negativity around you, which may upset you. You may find your responsibilities burdensome and be in a hurry to complete tasks, leading to silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, affecting your day-to-day work and delaying projects. It's advisable to seek advice from elders or consultants before making important decisions.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a positive day for you; you may succeed in your hard work on the professional front. You may have good focus, completing your work ahead of time, improving your self-confidence. Expect some work-related short trips, which may benefit your network in the near future.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may expect to inherit assets. Performing with patience on the work front may increase your efficiency. Be polite with people around you and put less effort into day-to-day tasks. Utilise your communication skills to progress on the work front and acquire new business opportunities.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, giving you patience. Despite external work-related stress, your inner sense may remain calm, helping you balance everything. Enjoy every moment in your work and domestic life. Parents' health is now okay, and you may hear some good news from your siblings.

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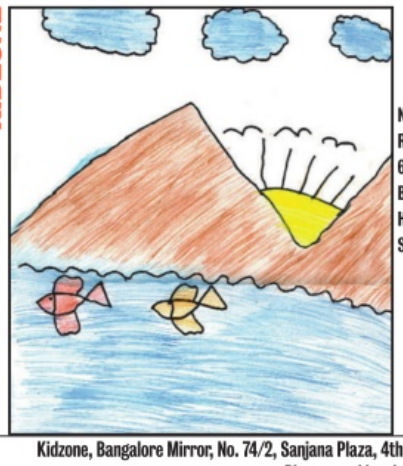

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
2 − (1/2*1/4) + 2 − (1/2*1/3) − 4 =
(48 − 3 + 48 − 4 − 96)/24 =
2 − (1/8) + 2 − (1/6) − 4 =
(45 + 48 − 4 − 96)/24 =
(93 − 4 − 96)/24 =
(89 − 96) / 24 = −7/24

RIDDLER
They are all two letters plus a number.

BULL'S EYE
alert, alter, earl, late, later, real, tale, teal, trawl, TRAWLER, wale, weal, welt

FAST FIVE

C	I	T	E	S
I	C	I	N	G
M	I	R	I	N
I	M	P	R	O
M	A	S	T	S

STRIKE OUT

A	N	E	A	R	S	■	T	H	I	N	L	Y		
S	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
A	■	E	■	G	I	A	N	T	■	F	■	A		
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A	N	T	I	C	■	A	■	O	A	K	U	M		
■	A	■	R	A	M	■	P	A	G	E	■	T		
N	I	N	E	S	■	M	■	A	M	E	E	R		
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G	H	■	Y	U	K	O	N	■	D	■	I	■		
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A	C	E	D	E	■	R	E	A	D	O	N	■		
K	S	■	A	T	T	I	C	■	A	■	L	■		
S	A	T	A	N	S	■	L	E	P	T	O	N		
A	N	E	A	R	S	■	T	H	I	N	L	Y		

QUICK

B	U	S	H	■	C	H	I	N	W	A	G	S		
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
E	M	P	O	R	I	U	M	■	E	L	L	E		
C	■	A	■	Z	■	A	■	O	■	T	■	■		
A	G	R	E	E	■	T	H	R	I	V	E	S		
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B	A	R	R	I	E	R	S	■	K	M	P	H		

MENSA PUZZLE
148: the sequence progresses × 3 + 1 at each stage.

QUOTE UNCODE
It's difficult to do something radically new, unless you are at the heart of a company.

SUDOKU

3	9	8	1	7	4	2	5	6
4	2	6	5	9	3	8	1	7
5	1	7	8	6	2	3	9	4
6	3	4	2	8	5	9	7	1
9	8	2	4	1	7	5	6	3
1	7	5	6	3	9	4	2	8
7	5	1	9	4	8	6	3	2
8	6	9	3	2	1	7	4	5
2	4	3	7	5	6	1	8	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
8, 8a, 8ad, 8ade, 8lade, 8eadle, 8elayed.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 3 + 4 − 6 = 7
Medium
4 + 4 + 1 − 7 = 2
Hard
5 + 3 − 7 + 3 = 4

LOOP

KAKURO

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